Statement

The status of on-going four-lane National Highway projects on Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) in the state of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal is as below:-

Sl. No.	Section	NH	Total Length (in km.)	Length Completed (in km.)	Schedule date for completion	Present Status
1.	Bhadrak-Balasore (km 136.50 to km 199.141) in Orissa	5	62.64	35.56	Dec, 2010	Original contract terminated, balance work has been awarded in November, 2008
2.	Sunakhala-Ganjam (km 338.00 to km 284.00) in Orissa	5	56.16	20.34	Dec, 2010	Original contract terminated, bid for balance work is under finalization.
3.	Ganjam-Ichapuram (km 284.00 to km 233.00) in Orissa	5	50.81	14.58	June, 2009	Original contract terminated, balance work has been awarded in July, 2006.
4.	Major bridges between km 17.60 to 136 (Dhankuni to Kharagpur) on NH-6 in West Bengal	6	9 bridges	8 bridges completed	Dec, 2010	Original contract terminated, bids for balance work have been invited.

Four-laning of EW corridor in NE States

1198. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the four-laning of East-West corridor in the parts covering Assam and other North-Eastern States;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay and target set for time bound completion;

(c) whether the committed four-laning of NH-52 from Bihata to Bandardowa under State Capital connectivity is being executed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether his Ministry has planned to provide paved shoulder along the double laned part NH-52 from Bihata to North Lakhimpur;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, how the dilapidated shoulders are proposed to be managed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The work on the stretch of East West corridor from Srirampur to Silchar in Assam has already commenced and the overall progress of the project is 20%. No stretch of East West corridor is located in any other North Eastern States.

(b) The project is targeted for completion by September, 2010. The delay in completion is due to insurgency and law and order problems in the project area.

(c) to (e) Four laning of NH-52 from Jamagudi to Gohpur has been approved by the Government 'in-principle' and there is no proposal at the stage to carry out 4-laning of existing NH-52 from Baihata to Jamagudi and from Gohpur to Bandardewa.

(f) No, Sir. There is no plan to provide paved shoulder along the double lane part of NH-52 from Baihata to Jamagudi and from Gohpur to North Lakhimpur.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) The dilapidated shoulders will be managed out of M and R grants placed at the disposal of the State Government of Assam.

Shipyard for Kerala

1199. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANS PORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish two more shipyards, one in the East Coast and the other in the West Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government of Kerala has requested to set up one in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) National Maritime Development Programme envisages setting up of two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast of India. For this purpose, Government has nominated Ennore Port Limited and Mumbai Port Trust as the nodal agencies for East Coast and West Coast respectively. The nodal agencies have been authorized to appoint Consultants who, *inter-alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification. The process for appointment of consultants has been initiated by the nodal agencies.